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In re Application of

Yoshitaka SHIBAMOTO et al.

Patent Art Unit: 3744

Serial No.: 10/517,144

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For: DISCHARGE VALVE MECHANISM FOR:
VARIABLE DISPLACEMENT
COMPRESSOR

INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Assistant Commissioner of Patents
Washington, DC 20231

Sir:

In accordance with MPEP 609 and 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.56, 1.97 and 1.98, Applicant brings the references listed on the attached PTO-1449-Form to the Examiner's attention and request that they be considered and made of record in this application. Copies of the non-U.S. patents are attached.

I hereby certify that each item of information in the Information Disclosure Statement filed herewith was cited for the first time in any communication from a foreign patent office in any counterpart foreign application not more than three months prior to the filing of this Information Disclosure Statement. A copy of European Search Report of the corresponding European Application No. 04717873.6 is attached hereto.

Japanese Laid Open Publication No 56-060882 appears to disclose a compressor having a movable float and a discharge valve with a discharge port. An English abstract is attached to better understand this publication.

Japanese Laid Open Publication No 57-168085 appears to disclose a compressor having a valve stopper and a flapper valve. An English abstract is attached to better understand this publication.

Japanese Laid Open Publication No 59-218393 appears to disclose a discharge compressor having a branched valve with discharge holes. An English abstract is attached to better understand this publication.

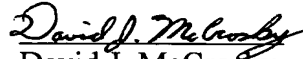
Japanese Laid Open Publication No 61-244883 appears to disclose a discharge valve of a compressor. An English abstract is attached to better understand this publication.

Japanese Laid Open Publication No 03-175174 appears to disclose a valve device having suction ports and a reed valve. An English abstract is attached to better understand this publication.

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Prompt examination on the merits is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,


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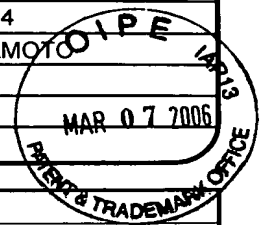
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Examiner Initials*	Cite No. ¹	Foreign Patent Document	Publication Date MM-DD-YYYY	Name of Patentee or Applicant of Cited Document	Pages, Columns, Lines, Where Relevant Passages or Relevant Figures Appear	T ⁶
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		JP56-060882	5/26/1981	Yoshida		No
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		JP61-244883	10/31/1986	Sasano		No
		JP03-175174	7/30/1991	Sasano et la.		No
		JP06-330864	11/29/1994	Ishibashi et al.		Yes
		EP1002951	5/24/2000	Sawson et al.		Yes

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